



MINISTRY OF NATIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

**FOOD AND WATER SECURITY CONFERENCE & EXIBITION
(02-03 MARCH, 2014)**

POST EVENT REPORT

2014 EVENT SUMMARY

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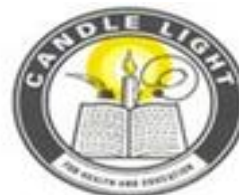


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BACKGROUND

Shortly after he came to the office the Minister of National Planning and Development Dr. Saad Ali Shire, succeeded to create the first of its kind "Somaliland Food and Water Security Strategy" which is about the analysis of present conditions of food and water security, constraints, opportunities and recommendations. That strategy highlighted the wide gap between the domestic production and the imported quantities of the food we consume by stating that almost all of the food we consume are imported from the overseas countries.

However, two main objectives of the strategy are:

- i. Utilizing agricultural resources (including livestock and fisheries) sustainable for income generation and food security; and
- ii. Having society whose citizens enjoy success to safe and sufficient water.

To implement the strategy, a basic concern became to bring together various sectors and stakeholders to work to achieve food and water security objectives by harnessing the resources necessary to make the efforts successful. For that reason the Ministry of National Planning and Development with its leading minister proposed the National conference and its partner exhibition to focus on the food and water security strategy. Its purpose will be to:

- i. Raise awareness of the strategy;
- ii. Discuss the constraints and challenges;
- iii. Identify potential opportunities;
- iv. Explore ways of maximizing production and minimizing losses of produce;
- v. Share success stories and solutions;
- vi. Discuss the role of government; and
- vii. Engage private sector entrepreneurs.

And it is expected that the outcomes will include:

- i. Sensitization of the public and policy makers;
- ii. Estimation of production and produce protection targets;
- iii. In initial action plan to achieve such targets;
- iv. A framework for public policies to create an enabling environment; and
- v. The formation of a stakeholders' steering committee.



ABOUT THE EVENT

The conference and its partner exhibition was officially opened on March 02, 2014 by **H.E Mr.Abdirahman Abdilahi Ismail 'Saylici'**, Somaliland Vice president, with the presence of some cabinet members who are also National food and water steering committees, namely: Dr.Saad Ali Shire, Minister of National Planning and Development; Prof.Faarax Elmi Gedole, Minister of Agriculture, Dr.Abdi aw-dahir Ali, Minister of Livestock; Mr.Ali Jama Farah Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resource; Mr.Hussein Abdulle, Minister of Water resource.

Chiefly organized and coordinated by the Somaliland Ministry of National Planning and Development with six food and water security line ministries, the first of its kind "National food and water security conference" and its partner event "Exhibition of domestic Food and water produce" was held from **02-03 March, 2014** at Maansoor Hotel in Hargeisa with an objective of improving domestic food and water production, consumption, trade and the promotion of investment opportunities in the sector.

The conference and exhibition was basically in the right place at the right time to achieve fundamental promotion objectives and set up or strength the basis of the sector's success histories through knowledge and experience sharing, and was one possible way to get directly the hearts of the food and water stakeholders, both public and private, in one place at one time.

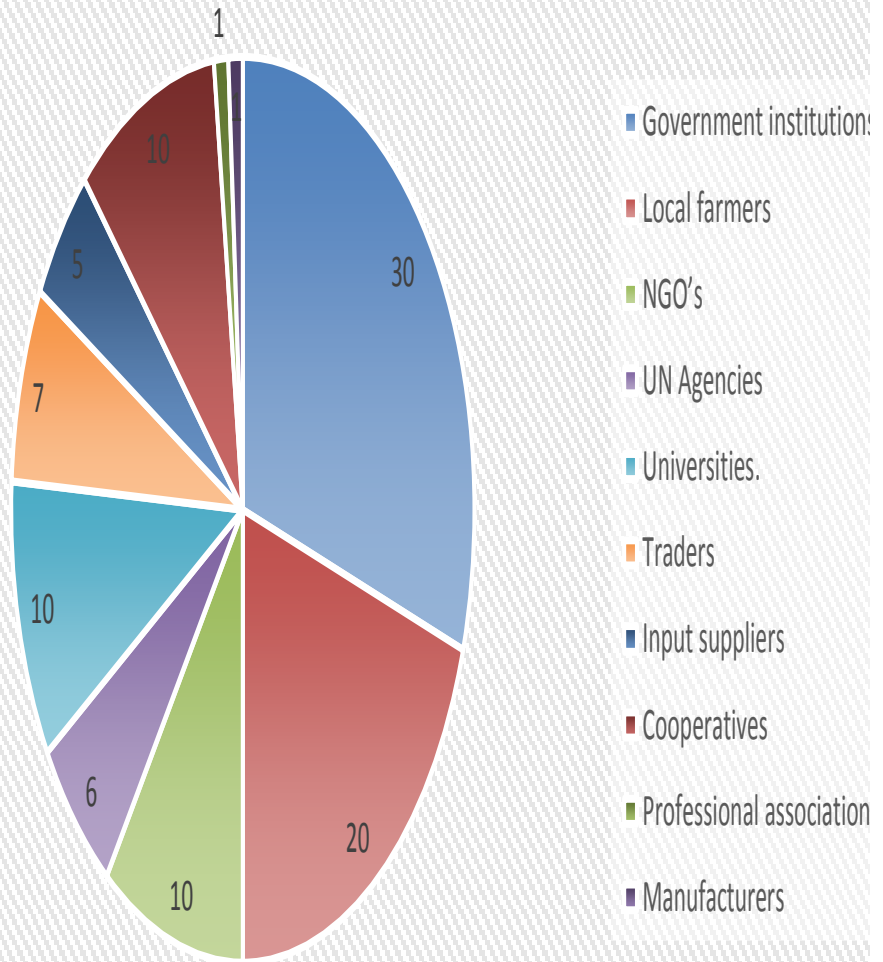
"...I am highly thankful for the Ministry of National Planning and Development and their leading minister Dr.Saad A.Shire..Also the same thanks goes to the other Food and Water security line ministries for this well organized, highly crucial event...and I hope as a government we will implement the outcomes of this national conference" **H.E Vice-President of Somaliland; Abdirahman Abdilahi Saylici.**

"...Somaliland has almost the resources needed to be domestically food and water secure...we have considerable size of uncultivated fertile land; we have water, favorable climate, we have a potential and un utilized large coast etc. In this conference however, we will focus and discuss the best way we can enhance our production, say at least 50%" **Hon. Dr.Saad Ali Shire, Minister of National Planning and Development.**



Participants by field of business:

On this two day conference an average of 100 participants attended coming from different sectors



The conference was one of the successes achieved by the organized ministries. This crucial event was invited a total of 100 participants from various sectors and academic backgrounds. Participants range from public institutions to private institutions, local producers to input suppliers, University deans to students, sector cadres to cooperatives and many more. During the whole day the conference room was a place where knowledge is exchanged and first-hand experience is shared, and also where the reality on ground of Somaliland is lying on the table.

Topics presented on the conference:



- **"Cooperative societies and food security in Somaliland"** presented by Prof Abokor Sh.Abdi Mahamed, Dean of the faculty of Agriculture & Environment, University of Amoud.
- **"Impact of private enclosures for both food security and environment"** presented by Mr.Abdikarim Adam Omer, the planning director, Ministry of Environment and Rural Development.
- **"Fisheries' contribution to the food security of Somaliland and investment opportunities in the sector"** presented by Prof.Zaam Omer Guedi, the Planning director of Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resource.
- **"Upgrading the performance of agriculture and disaster preparedness for improved food security of Somaliland"**. Presented by Prof Ahmed Ismail Farah, Production Expert from the Ministry of Agriculture.
- **"Present conditions of water resource in Somaliland"**. Presented by Eng.Saed Du'aleh Mohamed, Director of Planning, coordination and research, Ministry of Water Resource.
- **"Livestock and its importance for food security in the Somaliland context"**. Presented by Dr.Ahmed Mohamoud, Ministry of Livestock.
- **"Enhancing food security and food production through increased use of local media"**. Presented by Prof.Musse Ahmed Dualeh.Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture and natural resource management, University of Golis.

SEE THE PAPERS IN THE ANNEX





Visitor's range from business owners to investors, students to farmers, university lecturers to concerned government officials, from local organizations to international and UN organizations, and many more have been involved in the event right from its beginning.

Over the course of the two day event, 600 visitor attended the exhibition which made it the only and largest food and water security related event in the country.

Most of the interviewed visitors said that the expo will contribute a lot in the sector development. They also stressed that this kind of event will encourage the local producers to proceed their hard work and also it will attract other interested investors as they will perceive the potential opportunity in the food and water production.

Other target visitors also pointed out that the expo achieved during the exhibition in four broad accomplishments which are:

- See new local products in the expo.
- Build new business contact.
- Receive new products/services knowledge.
- Take away technical literature.
- Ask for quotation and specification.

At the end, most of the visitors expressed their interest to visit the next year exhibition.

"The Conference and its exhibition was interesting; it helps us to get more information about the sector at one place...We see different kinds of local produce which we previously supposed to be domestically un-available. We want to thank the organizers for their successful effort. See you next year."

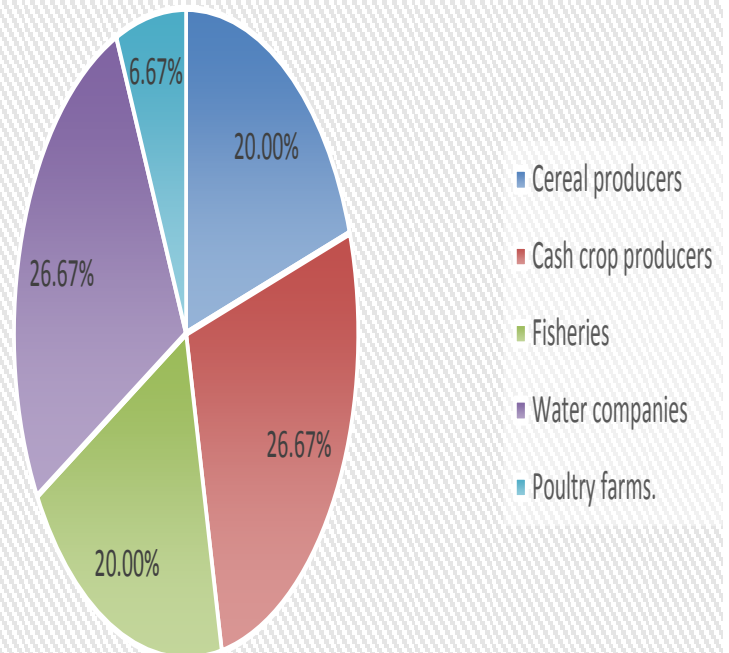
Participant.

"...It was a well-organized exhibition. The lay out is wonderful and the organizer staff is very welcoming" Thank you!!

Participant.

EXHIBITORS BY SECTOR OF PRODUCTION.

The Exhibitors by sector of production



"This kind of specialized expo are very important for our market promotion and it help us to create good network with others involved on the sector, we recommend the ministry of National planning to continue organizing the expo every year" **Cereal farmer (Exhibitor)**

"It was well attended exhibition by its number of domestic producers and number of visitors. The expo helps us to promote our companies very well. Keep it up" **Somaliland Fair Fishing Co. (Exhibitor)**

"It was good and interesting, it makes us to meet several stakeholders in the sector, and the exhibition should be continual in every year. We congratulate the ministry of Planning for organizing and we hope to keep it up for the coming years!" **Somaliland Poultry farm (Exhibitor)**

Sector discussions & outcome recommendations.



After each presentation, there was a following session of a plenary questions, discussions, comments, clarifications and answers in which most of them were highly academic and realistic. Hence, at the end of the conference a group discussions based on a particular sector by each group has taken place, and at the end of the discussions each group presented the sector recommendations as perceived by them; like the following:

Agriculture group (Sector Recommendations):

- To Control the quality of the imported pesticides
- To Increase the shelf life of the crops or produce so that they can be marketed
- To Create cooperatives for farmers
- To Increase the technical knowledge of the farmers
- To Broadcast awareness campaigns and farmers educational programs through the Media
- To Encourage research and technical knowledge of the farmers
- To have a seed storage and distribution centers
- To have prospects and programs that encourage development and sustainability of farms which are environmental friendly.





Water Group (Sector Recommendations)

- To introduce and apply the rain water harvesting initiatives at all levels (from household level to national level)
- To jointly participate on the means and ways in which the water sources will not get contaminated or polluted from the different sources (solid waste, liquid waste, industrial waste etc)
- To establish research Centre for the water monitoring/quality etc. by putting in place the enabling environment.
- To carryout technical studies/assessments on the potential surface/ground water availability for all water users by employing all the technologies and methodologies applicable to our context.
- To establish vocation/technical water institutes and a tertiary education on water relating disciplines.
- To develop water source infrastructures.



Fishing and Marine Resource (Sector Recommendations)

- To encourage the investment of the fishing industry
- To encourage the local merchants to invest the sector.
- To eat fish once a week or twice as a nation to improve the community consumption level.
- To include the national education curriculum for the fishing and marine resource.
- Government have to search an international market to the fishing resource.
- To create an effective investment laws for the fishing of Somaliland.
- To encourage Somaliland fishing cooperatives by the government in order to increase the fish production.





Livestock Group (Sector Recommendations)

- Developing both the quantity and quality of livestock technical knowhow for better use of the production
- Establish livestock, agriculture & environment research centers
- Establishment of fodder producing reserves
- Reduction of the illegal enclosures in the livestock grazing zones and charcoal production
- Animal genetic improvement to produce better production and productivity (milk and meat)
- Development of livestock trade and marketing
- Improving animal health and supportive infrastructure



Environmental Group (Sector recommendations):

- National curriculum should be added to the environmental importance and related issues.
- Community Awareness should be mobilized
- To mobilize Community forest guards
- Alternative use of charcoal should be put in place
- Planning comprehensive and proper land use system
- To coordinate the stakeholders effort on the environment
- To engage the National Environmental policy and strategies



EVENT PROMOTION

Continuous and vigorous pre event promotion had been released on major media out streams as listed below:

Audio-visual media:

An attractive television announcement on SLNTV and other TV's has been made besides a wide and repetitive food and water security radio programs and debates.

Print media:

Nearly twelve articles about the food and water security programs were published in the local newspapers promoting the issue in Somaliland, likewise the same number of articles were published on the electronic media to popularize the events in both regional and international websites.

Public relation:

"Somaliland food and water week" and its partner conference and exhibition did benefit from a continuous PR campaign conducted by the organizing team.

Email campaign:

The food and water security office of the ministry of National Planning has sent more than 60 email messages during the months of preparations, to promote the participation of the conference and the expo to more than 60 local and international organizations, government line ministries, private companies, Universities and other sector stakeholders.

Outdoor campaign:

Four billboards as a sign boards were placed in different parts of the city to increase visibility of the event before two week of its official opening.

Direct campaigns:

VIP invitations have been sent to concerned line ministries, non-governmental organizations, diplomatic figures, traders, sector and professional associations, corporate organizations, business owners and investors.

The event has also acquired pre-event coverage by Somaliland radio and television agency, Somaliland news agency (SOLNA). Media releases were also sent out to the local major websites as well as newspapers.



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At Last

The Ministry of National Planning & Development and their fellow government and non-government organizers would like to thank all supporters, sponsors, participants and exhibitors for their cooperation and continuous support!!

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1 - 7 March 2014

"Hadaan saracu taam noqon umadi, ta'akhur weeyaane,
Waxba kuuma taro raashin aad dibad ka tuugtaaye"
Xaaji Aadan Af.qalooc

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